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Letter dated 16 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the statement made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, dated 2 January 1992, concerning the Government's recognition of the independence of the 12 members of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and the annexed statement circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 20, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saly KHAMSY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Recently, following profound changes in the territories of the former Soviet Union, 12 Republics proclaimed their independence.

Consistent with its steadfast foreign policy of peace, independence, friendship and cooperation with other countries, and anxious to develop further the traditional ties of friendship and cooperation with these Republics, the Lao People's Democratic Republic officially recognizes the independence of the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Georgia and is prepared to establish diplomatic relations with them.

The Lao People's Democratic Republic notes that the Russian Federation will exercise all prerogatives and fulfil all the obligations of the former USSR at the international level, in accordance with the agreement reached within the framework of the Commonwealth of Independent States.